



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 30 January, 2018

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation; and for Matters Related Thereto (HB. 1139) — *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Animal Diseases (Control) Act, Cap. A17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase some Penalties and to Provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Electronic Animal Identification System throughout the Federation; and for Related Matters (HBs. 682 & 1268) (*Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita and Hon. Ali J. C Isa*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Regulate International Trips for Medical Treatment by Public Officers to Strengthen the Health Institutions for Efficient Service Delivery and to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Regulate International Trips for Medical Treatment by Public Officers to strengthen the Health Institutions for Efficient Service Delivery; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1267 and 1007) (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Industrial Training Fund Act, Cap. 19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the penalties for offences under the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1212) (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Anohu*) — *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Civil Defence University, Azare, to, among other things, serve as an Institution for High Level Manpower Development with a Mission to train Civil Defence Officers to acquire the Highest Standard of Professionalism and Knowledge as well as Award Degrees and Other Certificates to deserving and Qualified Students as may be approved by the National Universities Commission and Other Academic Regulatory Bodies from time to time; and for Related Matters (HB. 1262) (*Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed Baba*) — *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Abiriba, Abia State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provision for its Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (1263) (*Hon. Nkole U. Ndukwe*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

7. **Call on the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to Address the Perpetual Darkness on Major Streets and Roads in the FCT:**
Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye.

The House:

Notes the perpetual darkness on major roads and streets within the metropolis of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) at night owing to lack of street lights and inadequate lighting and/or lack of power supply to the existing light facilities;

Also notes that majority of the roads and streets leading to different parts of the city and destinations as well as under the bridges and roundabouts are often in pitch black from dusk till dawn, leaving citizens fearful and apprehensive of the unseen;

Aware that the prevalence of darkness on the roads and streets in the FCT creates avenues for men of the underworld to perpetuate crimes, touting and intimidation of unsuspecting citizens and also makes the city less receptive and attractive to residents and visitors;

Also aware that despite the prevailing darkness almost everywhere in the FCT at night, there is hardly any presence of either stationary or patrol police vans along the very dangerous stretch of roads and under the bridges and roundabouts;

Observes that some States of the federation such as Lagos and Anambra have done well in ensuring that their major roads are well lit at night, and in some cases, have to power the street lights with standby generators, in the event of power outage;

Cognizant of the need to ensure that major roads and streets in the Federal Capital Territory are well lit in order to ward off criminals, enable residents move about without fear in and around the city, as well as having a capital city that is receptive and attractive to foreign investors as is obtainable in major capital cities of the world;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to urgently provide street lights in all the major roads, streets, under the bridges and roundabouts within the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (ii) Also urge the Inspector General of Police to immediately deploy more police officers and vans to major roads and strategic areas in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (iii) Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to ensure implementation.
8. **Need to Investigate the Termination of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Concession Agreement between the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and Phase 3 Telecom Ltd. on TCN's Fibre Optical Telecommunication Infrastructure Projects:**
Hon. Rita Orji.

The House:

Notes that the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) signed a Concession Agreement with Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, in 2006 under the PPP Arrangement for the fibre optic deployment projects to Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) the infrastructure with unhindered access to existing and future fibre optic infrastructure on the network;

Also notes that since the signing of the Concession Agreement, extensive expansion and upgrades have been carried out by Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, to rehabilitate and replace most of the existing fibre (450km) on TCN's Power lines as well as installation of about 1600km of new fibres on the routes where there were no fibres;

Further notes that between 2006 and 2017, Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, has made substantial investment on the project in the region of N25 Billion in fibres deployment cost across the country, royalties payment to TCN (2.5% of revenues), procurement of transmission equipment, network maintenance and operational costs, payment to expatriates, personnel costs, etc.;

Informed of the termination of the Concession Agreement without following due process or considering the enormous commitments made on the project by Phase 3 Telecom Ltd;

Also informed that despite the fact that Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, has made full payment of all outstanding royalties and rentals to TCN up to March 2017, TCN failed in its obligation under the Concession Agreement by not releasing linesmen and allocating space for equipment to Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, which grossly affected the ability of the Company to adequately meet customer requirements;

Concerned that TCN terminated the Concession Agreement with Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, without respecting the rights of the Concessionaire as contained in the Agreement by not exploring the Arbitration Clause which makes the parties obliged to peaceful settlement of disputes;

Also concerned that in spite of the timely intervention of the regulatory body, the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) for settlement of the dispute, the new Managing Director (MD) of TCN, Mr. Usman Gur Mohammed still went ahead to terminate the Concession Agreement;

Further concerned that the termination of the Concession Agreement and outright closure of Phase 3 Telecom Ltd's operations which has denied the company access to all its sites nationwide, will put the company's investments of over a decade in jeopardy, coupled with the attendant disruption of services to telecom operators and security agencies worldwide, thereby putting all stakeholders and subscribers at risk;

Cognizant that if there is no urgent intervention in the matter, the development could cripple the telecom industry and also put the economy of the nation in grave danger;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the alleged termination of the Concession Agreement between the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and Phase 3 Telecom Ltd, and report back in two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

9. **Need to Declare a State of Emergency On the Accommodation Problems Confronting Members of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:**
Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki Hon. Rimamade Shawulu Kwewum
Hon. Muktar Betara Hon. Samson Okwu

The House:

Notes that the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was established by Section 217 of the Constitution Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to, amongst others, defend Nigeria from external aggression, maintain Nigeria's territorial integrity, secure Nigeria's borders from violation, suppress insurrection and act in aid of civil authorities to restore order when called upon to do so by the President;

Also notes that members of the Armed Forces have discharged those functions heroically and remarkably to the unanimous concurrence of all well-meaning Nigerians;

Further notes that the Armed Forces have consistently stood by Nigeria and Nigerians during the Civil War, the militancy in the Niger Delta, the Boko Haram insurgency in the North East as well as advertising Nigeria's credentials in the realm of international politics in its involvement in peacekeeping missions around the world, including the Western Sahara crisis and in its many services to our brothers in Africa, especially in the West African sub-region in resolving the complex conflicts in Liberia and Sierra Leone;

Equally notes that recently, the press has been awash with news of the acute welfare challenges that members of the Armed Forces have been contending with, particularly the problem of accommodation such that some senior officers are having to squat while others are being paired to share accommodation and while others still are being housed in rented apartments;

Aware that the reason being advanced for this national embarrassment is that more personnel have had to be recruited owing to the involvement of the Military in multiple fronts of security challenges but particularly the counter-insurgency across Nigeria;

Observes that although there appears to be measures being taken to ameliorate the situation, these measures are not only inadequate but, by the admission of one Major General Austin Okoh, Chief of Logistics, Defence Headquarters who spoke on behalf the Chief of Defence Staff, General Gabriel Abayomi Olonisakin in one of the reports, the issue of shortage of accommodation has always been there and the process of resolving the problem is slow;

Concerned that despite the colossal sums appropriated every year in the Federal Budget for the rehabilitation of military barracks, and other measures such as the establishment of the Presidential Committee on Barracks Rehabilitation, the residences of the men and women of the Armed Forces continue to be both inadequate and grotesque;

Determined that this matter must be resolved at once so that the men and women of the Armed Forces can focus fully on their critical jobs as stated in section 217(1) (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ministries of Defence, Justice, Power, Works and Housing and the Service Chiefs to immediately initiate an Inter-Ministerial Collaboration towards resolving all pending litigations with a view to expeditious resolution and also proffer solutions to the acute problem of providing befitting housing/accommodation for personnel of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Navy, Air Force, Justice and Housing to liaise with the Ministries of Defence, Power, Works and Housing, Justice and the Service Chiefs with a view to appraising and monitoring the

progress of the Inter-Ministerial Collaboration towards urgently resolving the issue of accommodation for personnel of the Armed Forces and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Need to Address the Outbreak of Lassa Fever in Orlu, Imo State and Other Parts of the Country:**

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso.

The House:

Notes the recent outbreak of Lassa fever in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State which, according to the Government of Imo State, had claimed the lives of three persons while seven others were hospitalized and also in Ebonyi State which has claimed the lives of many health and non-health workers;

Concerned by the recurrent outbreak of the deadly viral disease in the country and the apparent non-proactive approach of Ministries of Health, both at federal and state levels to prevent the outbreak of the disease;

Also concerned by the recorded number of deaths from Lassa fever outbreak in the country in the recent time and in the past years;

Aware that it is the constitutional responsibility of government to secure the lives and welfare of the citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the federal government to put in place measures to checkmate the outbreak of the disease in Orlu LGA and other parts of the country to prevent the spread of the disease and assist infected persons who are currently hospitalized in the areas;
- (ii) Also urge the federal government to vote more funds and resources to research and development in the health sector and ensure that such funds are utilized in order to find solution to the health challenges facing the country;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Health Institutions to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Hydroelectric Power Production Areas Development Commission Act, 2010 to make Provisions for Reduction of Percentage on Revenue Generated by any Company or Authority from the Operations of Hydro Electric Dams; and for Related Matters (HB. 1213) — (*Committee of the Whole*: 19/12/2017).

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition and Protection of Persons from Lynching or Unlawful Killing by Mob Action, Riotous Assemblage or Extra Judicial Killing in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1169) — (*Committee of the Whole*: 18/10/2017).
13. **Committee on Police Affairs:**
Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Trust Fund; and for Related Matters, 2017 (HB.894) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid*: 2/11/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Investigation of the Non-Remittance of the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund Contributions by the Federal, States and Local Government	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 236 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Population (<i>Budget Defence with the Chairman, National Population Commission and the Director-General, National Identity Management Commission</i>)	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Industry (<i>Budget Defence</i>)	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8	Ethics and Privileges	Tuesday, 30 January, 2018	3.00pm	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 9. | Science and Technology | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 3.00pm | Committee Room 349
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 10 | Foreign Affairs (<i>Joint Budget Defence Session with National Hajj Commission of Nigeria, (NAHCON) and Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC)</i>). | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 3.00pm | Committee Room 221
Senate New Building
(Senate) Assembly
Complex |
| 11. | Land Transport (<i>with the Federal Ministry of Transportation</i>) | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 3.00pm | Committee Room 028
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 12. | Land Transport (<i>with Nigerian Railway Corporation</i>) | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 4.00pm | Committee Room 028
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 13. | <i>Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the plan to shut down the National Economic Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND)</i> | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 3.00pm | Committee Room 357
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 14. | National Security and Intelligence | Tuesday, 30 January, 2018 | 3.00pm | Committee Room 144
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
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